

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

**IN RE JOHNSON & JOHNSON  
TALCUM POWDER PRODUCTS  
MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES,  
AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY  
LITIGATION**

Civil No. 3:16-md-2738-MAS-RLS

This document relates to:  
SHERRY LASHAUNDA  
ALEXANDER, Individually

Case No. 3:19-cv-00477

**PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO THE COURT'S ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

**INTRODUCTION**

Stephanie Sherman of Wisner Baum LLP, counsel of record for Plaintiff Sherry L.

Alexander submits the following response to the Court's August 15, 2024 Order to Show Cause Why Cases on the Attached Exhibit A Should Not Be Dismissed With Prejudice (Dkt. 33096).

**ARGUMENT**

Pursuant to the Court's MDL Amended PPF Order dated September 1, 2023 (Dkt. 27291), cases filed in or transferred to the MDL during the calendar year 2019, Plaintiffs were ordered to submit a Plaintiff Profile Form ("PPF") by February 15, 2024.

Since the Court's Amended PPF order was put in place, Wisner Baum LLP made numerous attempts to contact plaintiff by telephone, email, and correspondence by mail and FedEx to comply with the MDL discovery deadlines including the PPF. Wisner Baum LLP sought extensions of the discovery deadlines given the lack of response by plaintiffs.

On February 12, 2024, Plaintiff's Counsel notified Defendants requesting an extension until March 15, 2024 to submit Plaintiff's Profile Form. In addition, Wisner Baum LLP advised Defense Counsel on the difficulties reaching Plaintiff and advising that the Plaintiff has been unresponsive. On February 14, 2024, Defendants granted an extension to February 26, 2024 (See **Exhibit A**).

Pursuant to the Court's Case Management Order dated February 13, 2024, beginning on March 1, 2024 and on the first of each month thereafter, defendants were to file a report where cases where a PPF is overdue and/or has major deficiencies (the "PPF Report"). Plaintiffs whose cases are listed on a PPF Report were given an automatic 60 days to submit any deficiencies or submit their overdue PPF via MDL Centrality. Sixty days following the initial listing of a case on a PPF report, Defendants could submit an Order to Show Cause ("OTSC") for those cases where there has been failure to address and/or cure the deficiency. (Dkt. 29032).

On April 1, 2024, Defendants listed for the first time Plaintiff's individual case as a non-compliant case for failure to comply with the Court Orders on case specific fact

discovery and submitting a PPF. (Dkt. 30612). Plaintiff's counsel continued their efforts in reaching out to Plaintiff via phone, email and correspondence with no response.

On May 1, 2024, Defendants listed for the second time Plaintiff's individual case for failure to comply with the Court Orders on case specific fact discovery and submitting a PPF. Defendants advised the Court that an Order to Show Cause will be filed on June 1, 2024 should Plaintiff's individual case continue to fail to provide a PPF. (Dkt. 32127). Plaintiff's counsel continued their efforts in reaching out to Plaintiff via phone, email and correspondence with no response.

On June 1, 2024, Defendants requested the Court to enter the enclosed Order to Show Cause why Plaintiff's individual case should not be dismissed with prejudice for failure to serve a Plaintiff Profile Form ("PPF"). (Dkt. 32601). Plaintiff's counsel continued their efforts in reaching out to Plaintiff via phone, email and correspondence with no response. Plaintiff's Counsel has made numerous attempts to Plaintiff in advance to the original PPF deadline and still remain with no communication with Plaintiff.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Wisner Baum LLP is unable to continue its representation of plaintiff in the absence of their guidance, direction, cooperation, or participation in the litigation. Counsel for Plaintiff has not been in contact with Plaintiff

for many months now and Counsel for Plaintiff intends to file a Motion to be Relieved as  
Counsel Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 102.1 on or before October 7, 2024.

Dated: September 4, 2024

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on **September 4, 2024**, a copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically. Notice of this filing will be sent by operations of the Court's electronic filing system to all parties indicated on the electronic filing receipt. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

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